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REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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September 11, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Personal Interview is being filed concurrently with a Continued Prosecution Application. In order to further prosecution in the present application, Applicant respectfully requests an Interview. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative, Catherine M. Voisinnet (Reg. No. 52,327), at telephone number (703-208-4005) in order to discuss the outstanding rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	10-312085	11/02/98

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior Application No. 09/432,087 entitled ARRANGEMENT OF CARD SLOT IN LAPTOP COMPUTER by the following named Inventor(s):

MISAWA, Takeshi

☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (4).

a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

The above-identified prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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1. ☒ Enter the Amendment previously filed August 15, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$740.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23-20=	3	x 18 = \$54.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6-3=	3	x 84 = \$252.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$1,046.00	\$0.00

5. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
6. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 10-312085 filed in Japan on November 2, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on November 2, 1999.
7. ☐ Priority of International Appl. filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No(s). filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

8. ☒ Address all future communications to:
- BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP  
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Telephone: (703) 205-8000  
or  
Customer No. 2292
9. ☒ The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of one (1) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- ☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$110.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
- ☐ An extension of ( ) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional ( ) month(s) in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(b) for a period of ( ) months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$1,156.00 is/are enclosed.
12. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
13. ☐ The filing fee is **NOT** attached. Please issue a Notice requesting the filing fee.
14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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Appl. No. 09/432,087

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It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all of the other applications in the same file wrapper.

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